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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of National Estimates

ATTENTION:

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SUBJECT: Proposed DCI Directive 3/5

REFERENCES: (a) Draft DCID 3/5, prepared by ONE and submitted to OIC 24 July (attached, ONE copy only)
(b) Draft IAC-D-61/1 (attached, ONE copy only)

1. OIC has reviewed referenced draft DCID prepared by ONE and agrees that, as a Directive on the production of NIE's, it should go through the IAC without much fuss and that ONE should assume the responsibility of discussing it with representatives of the IAC agencies.

2. There are, however, two matters of importance which may well be raised by the agencies during discussions. These arise from the fact that DCID 3/1 establishes procedures for current and for basic intelligence. Current intelligence is the subject of paragraph 1 of DCID 3/1; basic, of paragraph 2 of DCID 3/1.

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a. Current Intelligence: We have discussed the draft with Acting AD/CI [redacted], whose opinion, concurred in by this Office, is that there is no reason why this reference should not be dropped. There never has been and is not now coordinated national current intelligence, and therefore it has been anomalous to include "current intelligence" (in its persistent interagency state) in a directive on national intelligence.

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b. Basic Intelligence: We also discussed the draft with [redacted] Chief, OKR/DB, who feels that there is good reason to retain the reference to the NIS program. Although NSCID-3 (paragraph 1-a) sets "over-all policies and objectives" for the coordination of production of basic intelligence, only in DCID 3/1 is there direction for conducting the program in accordance with agreed developed procedures and for subjecting

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the program to NSC approval. OIC agrees that it is useful to retain this aspect of the Directive, and sees two possible solutions:

(1) Retitle 3/5 "Production of National Intelligence Estimates and Surveys," and insert paragraph 2 of DCID 3/1 between paragraphs 6 and 7 of your draft (changing the first line of 3/5 to read "Pursuant to paragraph 1-a and 1-e..." and adding subdivisions on National Intelligence Estimates and National Intelligence Surveys).

(2) Propose concurrently with DCID 3/5 a DCID 3/6, solely on NIS, consisting of present paragraph 2 of 3/1, as appropriately modified or expanded. DCID 3/6 could be developed by the NIS committee, assisted by OIC.

We much prefer solution (2) insofar as developing the agencies' assent is concerned. You may also well prefer solution (2), as it leaves 3/5 exclusively devoted to NIE's.

3. Draft IAC-D-61/1 (Reference "b") can be used to circulate the proposed DCID 3/5 when ONE concludes its discussions with the IAC representatives. Alternatively, the draft DCID 3/5 could be circulated under a document like IAC-D-61/1 for the purpose of convening representatives, if ONE so desires. We would suggest that this not be done but rather that ONE assemble the representatives informally. In either event, the NIS question should first be resolved by ONE and OIC, and the approach adopted should be reflected in the IAC document. Finally, OIC would appreciate attending your meetings with the representatives.

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